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Decline in Growth Rate in G.D.P.

2377. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:
SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME Impmementation be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decline of growth rate in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 1990-91;

(b) the reasons for steep decline in the public sector savings vis-a-vis increase in household and private corporate sector savings; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 1990-91 at 5.6% is in line with the trend observed during the 1980's wherein the average compound growth of 5.6% was recorded. The GDP growth in 1990-91 appears lower than in 1989-90 because of higher than average growth in the preceding year (1989-90) when the GDP growth was 6%.

(b) There has been a declining trend in public savings in the 80s which has continued in 1990-91. As percentage of GDP, public savings declined from 3.4. in 1980-81 to 1.6 in 1989-90 and to 0.9 in 1990-91. This decline has been mainly due to worsening of Government savings consequent upon a sharper increase in expenditure of Governments than their revenues.

(c) Govt. have taken a number of measres to reduce expenditure and increase revenue earnings. The measures to contain Govt. expenditure include reduction in subsidies, absorbing the payment of additional dearness allowances by reducing other expenditure, reducing budget deficit in order to bring down the public debt and interest payments. The measure to increase revenue include widening direct tax base and raising indirect taxes.

Export of Defence Equipments by BHEL

2378. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether exports of defence equipments by Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited have been gradually declining;

(b) if so, the percentage of decline in exports of defence equipments by BHEL at the end of 1991 as compared to the exports in 1990;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of the countries to which exports have declined; and

(e) the efforts made by the Government to tap the foreign markets for exports of defence equipments by BHEL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) BHEL is not exporting defence equipment.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Inclusion of cost of services of Government Employees in GDP

2379. SHRI K.P. REDDAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of services provided by the Government employees is included in the Gross Domestic Product;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the quantum and percentage of contribution of goods and services in tha Gross Domestic Product made by the indigenous industries vis-a-vis foreign companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Government provides services for running departmental enterprises such as railways, communication, etc., as well as community services relating to health, education, etc., besides administrative and defence services. The cost of these services includes factor payments and expenditure on goods and services. This cost, excluding intermediate consumption of goods and services, is included in the Gross Domestic Product because it generates demand and supply of goods and services in the economy

(c) Details are not available.

Foreign Investment Promotion Board

2380. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) when the Foreign Investment Promotion Board was constituted and the details of the numbers of the Board;

(b) the details of the proposals cleared by the Board during each of the last three years;

(c) the total investment involved in these proposals; and

(d) the details of the projects pending clearance with the Foreign Investment Promotion Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) In pursuance of the decision contained in para 39 B (v) of the Statement on Industrial Policy tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 24th July, 1991, Government have constituted the Foreign Investment promotion Board on 22nd August, 1991. The Board comprises of the following:-

(i) Principal Secretary to Prime Minister

(ii) Finance Secretary

(iii) Commerce Secretary

(iv) Secretary, Industrial Development.

(b) to (d). On the recommendation of the Board, Government have approved 10 proposals by the end of February, 1992 envisaging total foreign investment of more than Rs. 505 crores.

The details of approved foreign collaboration proposals viz. name of the Indian Company, name of the foreign collaborator, the nature of collaboration and items of manufacture are being published by the Indian Investment Centre, New Delhi as a supplement to its monthly News-letter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

As a matter of policy, the details of projects pending clearance are not disclosed in public interest.

[*Translations*]

Television Industry

2381. SHRI RAM BADAN:
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the closure of nearly 30 per cent television manufacturing units due to increase in the rates of excise duty;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to promote television industry;